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Art Unit: 2825

For: SPATIAL REGIONS OF A SECOND  
MATERIAL IN A FIRST MATERIAL

Examiner: I. U. Anya

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In reviewing the above-captioned application file, Applicant has noted that Applicants' Form PTO/SB/08A, which accompanied an Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 13, 2004, has not yet been initialed by the Examiner. In addition, a copy of the initialed Form PTO-SB/08A was not included with the Notice of Allowance mailed on December 20, 2004.

Applicant attaches a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 13, 2004 (with corresponding date-stamped postcard indicating the filing date of December 13, 2004). The Examiner is therefore requested to kindly return the initialed form to the undersigned as soon as possible.

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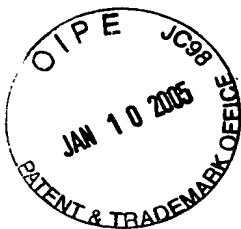
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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April 9, 2002 and relied upon in this application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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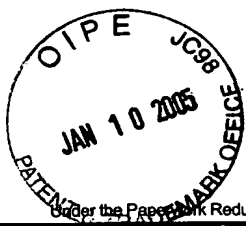
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